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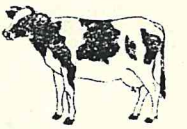

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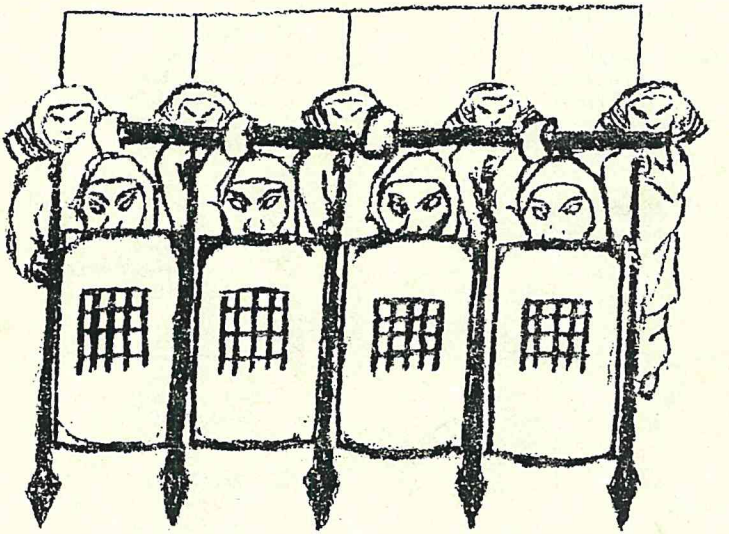

Life Imitating Art?

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Calendar of Events

July

1-3 - Caerthe 25th Year, Tess (303) 366-7426	19
2 - FIGHTER PRACTICE, 1PM - 5PM, Spring Creek Park, Caradoc (970) 416-0474	25
4 - NO BO FHARRACH	11
5 - St. Martin's Abbey Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, CSU Lagoon, Akira (970) 498-0798	
5 - Equestrian Practice, Adams/Atkinson Arena, Damiana (970) 498-0798	10
6 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 5PM - 7PM, Rosalind (970) 667-1284	25
8-9 - Outlands Crown Tournament (al-Barran) Margaret (505) 891-3302	
9 - FIGHTER PRACTICE, 1PM - 5PM, Spring Creek Park, Caradoc (970) 416-0474	25
10 - DANCE PRACTICE, 7PM - 9PM, see map, Catriona (970) 669-1754	25
11 - Bo Fharrach Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, Glenmere Park, Lughbec (970) 353-6782	11
12 - St. Martin's Abbey Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, CSU Lagoon, Akira (970) 498-0798	
13 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 5PM - 7PM, Rosalind (970) 667-1284	25
15 - BLACKSMITHING GUILD, at Thorfinn's, Tamlene (970) 663-1513	18
16 - FIGHTER PRACTICE, 1PM - 5PM, Spring Creek Park, Caradoc (970) 416-0474	25
17 - Officer's Meeting, 622 Whedbee, Fort Collins	
18 - Bo Fharrach Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, Glenmere Park, Lughbec (970) 353-6782	11
19 - St. Martin's Abbey Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, CSU Lagoon, Akira (970) 498-0798	
19 - Equestrian Practice, Main Arena at the Equine Center, Damiana (970) 498-0798	10
20 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 5PM - 7PM, Rosalind (970) 667-1284	25
22-23 - Unser Hafen Defender V, Tetsuo (970) 416-1122	20
23 - NO FIGHTER PRACTICE - DEFENDER	20
24 - DANCE PRACTICE, 7PM - 9PM, see map, Catriona (970) 669-1754	25
25 - Bo Fharrach Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, Glenmere Park, Lughbec (970) 353-6782	11
26 - St. Martin's Abbey Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, CSU Lagoon, Akira (970) 498-0798	
26 - University of Caerthe, Robin Vinehall (303) 444-5004	18
27 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 5PM - 7PM, Rosalind (970) 667-1284	25
30 - FIGHTER PRACTICE, 1PM - 5PM, Spring Creek Park, Caradoc (970) 416-0474	25

August

1 - Bo Fharrach Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, Glenmere Park, Lughbec (970) 353-6782	11
2 - St. Martin's Abbey Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, CSU Lagoon, Akira (970) 498-0798	
2 - Equestrian Practice, Adams/Atkinson Arena, Damiana (970) 498-0798	10
3 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 5PM - 7PM, Rosalind (970) 667-1284	25
5-6 - Hover Mansion Demo, Moryen (970) 495-5245	18
6 - FIGHTER PRACTICE, 1PM - 5PM, Spring Creek Park, Caradoc (970) 416-0474	25
8 - Bo Fharrach Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, Glenmere Park, Lughbec (970) 353-6782	11
9 - St. Martin's Abbey Gathering, 6PM - 9PM, CSU Lagoon, Akira (970) 498-0798	
10 - ARCHERY PRACTICE, 5PM - 7PM, Rosalind (970) 667-1284	25
11-13 - Three Hawks Champions (Hawks Hollow) Tambriel (303) 288-3828	21

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Art on pg. 13 is by Praxus.

Submission deadline is the 15th of the month for event announcements, articles, and artwork
Officers reports are due at officers meeting unless other arrangements are made beforehand.

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From the Chieftan and PRAEFECTUS

Unto the good people of Unser Hafen, greetings from Llamrei and Titus, Chieftain and Praefectus.

July is one of the busiest months of the SCA year. This year is especially busy. The first weekend is the celebration of Caerthe's 25 year, an auspicious occasion. We urge all of you who can to go to this gala and help our neighbors to the south to celebrate their anniversary. The second weekend is Crown Tourney; this will be the first Crown Tourney held on the new schedule, and the winner will be the first Crown Prince(ss) to hold that title for four months instead of the usual one month. And not the least, our own Defender, Protector and Warden tourneys will be held at the East meets West Defender the weekend of July 22.

We hope everyone in the Barony can come out for Defender, one of our biggest events of the year. For those interested in competing for any of the titles, remember that you must be authorized for all of the forms in which you compete (heavy weapons, fencing and archery), which means you must be a member of the Society. You must be a resident of Unser Hafen and able to show up at least to most Baronial events to attend us in court and perform your duties. The winner of the heavy weapons tourney will be our Defender for a year and will be Captain of our heavy weapons guard, and as such will assist us in command duties. The winner of our fencing tourney will be our Protector for a year and will captain our light weapons guard and will help us lead our light fighters whenever we fight as a group. The winner of the archery shoot will be our Warden in command of our archers and will help us with difficult land management problems, like rabbits eating aspen trees.

These are important positions in our court. The holders of these titles have responsibilities, not only to help us do our jobs and put on a good show, but to promote the martial art of their specialty and be an example to others striving in that discipline. We encourage diversity of skill by awarding an iron bracelet to anyone who competes for all three titles. We will also choose many new guards and will reaffirm the oaths of all baronial officers. There are many fun activities planned for this event, and we hope to see all of you there.

It seems like a long time until November, but it is time to begin considering entries for our Baronial Arts and Sciences competition. The Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition originally scheduled for this fall will not be held until spring, and a collegium will happen instead, so the Baronial arts and sciences competion will be a good warm-up for those planning to compete at the kingdom level. We have not yet finalized all the categories, but they will be diverse and will cover everything from writing

Llamrei **Chieftain**		Titus **Praefectus**
Rosalind of Wellmark **Warden**	Minamoto no Tetsuo **Defender**	Robert Stewart **Protector**
	Baronial Guard	
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Rosalind of Wellmark **Protocol Minister**	Theopompus Leonidas **Lictor**	Axel **Baronial Page**

and performance (including dance) to smithing and weaving and calligraphy and everything in between (if you can make it, we'll find a category for it). We will require documentation; you need not write a Ph.D. dissertation, but we would like to know at least where and when the techniques were practiced and how you learned them. As always, we strongly encourage original efforts in a period style. The judging format has not yet been finalized, but will involve some interaction between the entrants in categories. It will be possible to earn points for entries even if they are the only entrants in the category. We value the arts very highly in this barony and we hope everyone will enter something. The Baronial arts and sciences champion is also a valued member of our court. Only Unser Hafen residents can win the championship, but we encourage visitors to enter as well, as they are eligible to win categories. More details as soon as they are available. Start working on projects now! For those who don't know, since it has been nearly two years, the current championship is jointly held by Lord Tracker and THL Llamrei.

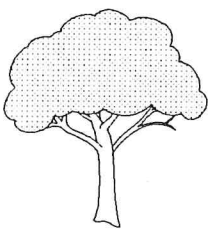
Watch the Tosspot for short pieces about the four Baronial Orders. It has come to our attention that since we have so many new people, many folks don't know what the orders are and why they are awarded. To amend that, we have asked the premiers of each of the orders to write a short piece describing what the order is and why it is given. Basically, each of the orders recognizes excellence and service to the Barony through four venues: heavy and light weapons combat (Keepers of the Portcullis), the arts including target archery (Builders of the Portcullis), service (Golden Ring), and persona development (Golden Columbine). We consult with each of these orders several times per year about promoting activities in the barony and about candidates for recognition. Anyone can recommend anyone else for these orders; your best bet is to send us a letter.

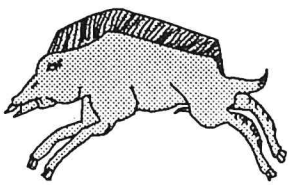
This is going to sound strange coming from people as slow as we are, but let's try to start practices, especially fighter practice, closer to the advertised times. We have lost people who are visitors or who are new to the Barony because they show up to a scheduled activity and no one is there. If it would be better to schedule fighter practice to start later in the day, let us or our knight marshal Caradoc know. It is sometimes hard to get enthusiastic about practice when there are events every weekend, but summer is the best time to practice and to train new fighters, because we are not restricted as to when we need to leave the site. So we encourage fighters and everyone to come out to the park and re-energize fighter practice.

From Llamrei: I would like to have one fight with every person who is competing for Defender and for Protector at the event before the tourney. I look forward to meeting you all on the field.

In Service,

Llamrei TITVS CLAVDIVS SEVERVS





Officers Reports

From the Seneschal

DEFENDER AND THE REST OF THE YEAR

July sees our most important Fighting event of the year, Unser Hafen Defender Tourney. At this event our Baron and Baroness will name a new Defender, Procector, Warden and Baronial Guard. The event will be held on the Pawnee National Grasslands on July 22-23. Check out the announcement in this issure for details on classes, activities, competitions, and fun. This event still needs people to spend about a hour working on projects with the kids and Volunteers for Waterbearing.

It time to update all of you on the calendar for the rest of the Year.

July 22-23 Defender (Tetsuo and Elsbeth, Autocrats-416-1122)
Crowvalley Camp Ground, Brigsdale, CO.
Aug Shakespear Demo

Aug 19-20 NewWestFest (Lorin, Autocrat-226-8573) Library
Park, Downtown Fort Collins. 10am-7pm? Saturday, Noon to 5pm Sunday.
Sept 6 Centertainment (Akira, 498-0798) CSU Student
Center Plaza 10am-4pm.
Sept 9-10 Highland Games (Segovax, Autocrat-282-1052) Estes
Park, 9am-5pm Saturday, noon-5pm Sunday.
Sept 30 Brigands Folly (Lady Taryn-Autocrat, Caerthe-303-458-8754) More later.

Oct 7 NewComers Revel (Wenhaver, Autocrat-225-8081)
Waverly Community Center
Nov 4 Baronial A&S Competition (Lord Mark, Autocrat-225-8081)
Waverly Community Center.
Dec 2 or 9? Baronial Yule

All of these events can still use helpers and ideas. If, you are interested in any of these events, contact me or the person listed above.

Yours in Service,

Theresea

The Honorable Lady Theresea die Tanzerin

Treasurer's Report

Greetings to the populace of the Barony!
The balance of our funds at officer's meeting was $2285.89.

Yours in service to the Barony and the Society,

Tamlene ap Guidgen

From the Office of the Herald

Good days to you all, fair Unser Hafen. You can write to their majesties at:

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I have been paring down the volume of parchment in the files of this office this month and streamlining the system. Also I have been given gracious permission to obtain the newest armorial and ordinary, which is a piece of art in organization, so now you will have a saner, healthier, happier herald! Bofharrach (note new name construction) will be the recipient of the presently held armorial, and the one they have now may have a disant destination which I will fill you in on later. Here follows a list of heraldry and name books that belong to Unser Hafen and are at my domicile for your use.

HERALDRY

A Complete Guide to Heraldry, A.C. Fox- Davies
informative, well-packed, encompassing; a good book to start researching with

Concise Encyclopedia of Heraldry, Guy Cadogan Rothery
good breadth of subject, easy to read, a fair book to start researching with

Heraldry of the World, Carl Alexander von Volborth
shows various types of armory used by countries across the world, interesting

Heraldry- Sources, Symbols, and Meaning, Ottfried Neubecker
Didn't look closely at this one, could be pretty late period, though

A Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry, Bruce Draconarius of Mistholme and Akagawa Yoshio
an SCA publication with 821 line drawings of legal charges, excellent for brainstorming!

NAMES

English Surnames, Charles Wareing Bardsley
Didn't look at this one yet, either

The Old Norse Name, Geirr Bassi Haraldsson
a nice booklet to begin exploring a Norse name in, I'm not sure how complete it is

Many of these books were donated to the office by members of the barony, and I would like to thank them all again for their donations of previous years. Your generousity is not noticed just once. Many people in the barony have books of their own on these subjects and are willing to let you make use of them. I do not have a list of these, although I would be glad to have reference to them.. If you have such books as you do not mind sharing, please call me with title and author and subject matter, and I will keep a list for others in our barony. Many thanks!

AT LAUREL

Aedhann Brecc- device
Anne Mathieu- name
Bofharrach- device
Bofharrach- name (note new construction)
Ceindrych Costaine- device
Conchobhar O'Loingseachain- device
Larissa the Lacemaker- device
Larissa the Lacemaker- name
Mark de Saint-Saveur-le-Vicompte- device
Order of the Corona Graminea of Unser Hafen- name — PASSED
Rand the tracker of Oak Hollow- device

St. Martin's Abbey- badge
St. Martin's Abbey- device
St. Martin's Abbey- name
Tamlene ap Guidgen- device
Tuman Elnikov- device
Tuman Elnikov- name

AT KINGDOM
Caradoc ap Rhys – device
Segovax Vercingetorix Nercogannatus – name
Amice de Fayel- device
Anne Mathieu- device resubmission
Gerard de Saint Michel- name change
Robert Edward Stewart- device — laurel
Robert Edward Stewart- name — laurel
Sarolta of Sarkel- device
Sekimura no Minamoto Akiranaga- mon — laurel – needs redraw
Sekimura no Minamoto Akiranaga- name — laurel
Sone Minamoto no Gentarou Takashige- badge — returned
Sone Minamoto no Gentarou Takashige- mon — returned
Sone Minamoto no Gentarou Takashige- name — laurel

RETURNED
Eleanor Ælfheah- name returned for temporal fix of spelling, please call me!
Order of the Corona Graminea of Unser Hafen- badge returned for 3- dimensional problem. I am preparing new optional drawings for you and will be in touch soon.

Rumors are that Caradoc, Lord Duncan, Galliana, Lady Kilinnen, and Rosslin have device ideas on the board. Let's see your names up here next month! Call me!

In Your Service,

Wenhauer

Barbican Pursuivant (acting)

Thank you to the Barony of Unser Hafen! for all of your help and support at A Festival of Horses it was greatly appreciated! Thank you again!

Damiana and the Equestrian Guild of Unser Hafen

Unto the Fair People of this Great Barony, Greetings...

Look! The sun still exists! There really is something above all those rain clouds! And with summer really, truly upon us, its now time for the yearly reminder about health and fighting. Yes its time for that wonderful friend heat-stroke to come visit our lands once again. Since it looks like summer hasn't been called on account of rain, I decided it was time to remind everyone of the basics of not-passing-out-at-fighter-practice-or-events.

Firstly: DRINK! Drink lots! Basically if you don't have to go use the Port-O-Garderobe you're not drinking enough. Whether its water, sport drink or grape juice, just drink it.

Second: Use all the shade you can. Wear big straw hats. Sit under trees. Fighters put your helms under shields when you're not wearing them.

Third: Wear lots of sunscreen. This is especially important for all you fair skinned Celts (and non-Celts) out there. I know that I can go from pale to lobsterized in about 45 min if the sun is right. Being so sunburned you can't lay down in your tent at night is no fun - it can ruin a whole event. Besides, I was never cared much for that pre-cancerous glow look. Fighters, you CAN have your face sunburned, even through a great helm (so speaks experience). Yes I know sunscreen isn't period, but woad is hard to find and has some interesting side effects you might not want.

Fourth: Know when to quit. I don't care if you can run ten miles, its not the same as wearing armor, which doesn't let your sweat evaporate, for 30 minutes. Even if you normally can fight right through fighter practice without doffing your helm, its alot different when the sun has got helm so hot you think you smell bacon frying and then realize its your brain. This goes for non-fighters too. Unfortunately we have seen cases of the water-bearers getting heat stroke because they weren't taking care of themselves. Always know when its time to sit down in the shade with a big mug of your favorite liquid.

That's about it. Have fun, don't forget to take care of yourself. And stretching a little before you fight is never a bad idea.

In Your Service, I am,

Caradoc ap Rhys

Arts and Sciences/Ministry of Children

Greetings unto the fair people of Unser Hafen. I'll be taking Galiana's place while she is away for various parts of the summer. First off, I wanted to clear up something I heard. If you are planning on entering something in the A&S competition at Defender, it will not be necessary to check with the A&S offices beforehand. If however, you wish to enter in the illumination contest being held at Defender, we do ask that you contact either the autocrat or the A&S offices. Hopefully this will clear up some of the confusion, but if you have any questions, feel free to ask.

The Ministry of Children is beginning its preparations for the camping season. We have a list of activities that we are hoping to run at Defender, and anyone who would like to run one of these activities or just help out, please call me and let me know a.s.a.p. Hopefully they will keep the children entertained and safe, and any help running them is greatly appreciated. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, I would love to heard them. I can be reached at (970)282-1052.

Segovax Vercingetorix Nertocenmarus

UNTO THE GENTLE POPULACE OF UNSER HAFEN, GREETINGS!

This month's dissertation is on the philosophy, research, and application of a fencer's persona. Let me begin with a little glimpse at the history of rapier combat(Oh, no! The "HI' word!). Swords built especially for dueling forms of combat had their dawning not much earlier than about 1420, although dueling and various forms of single combat are far older. The practice of the S.C.A. is to end our timeline of the Current Middle Ages at 1600: a great many fencers, however, do extend their timelines to 1650 in order to capture the age of the Cavaliers in full - and, of course, not to cut-off such greats as William Shakespeare and Sir Walter Raleigh.

I have met a great many fencers who, pursuing what they believe to be the Ideal of the Cavalier Attitude, have acted rude, snobbish, and tempermental. Through little fault of their own, they have adopted a persona based upon arrogance as opposed to eloquence. The best advice I feel that can be offered to a new fencer comes from Baldesar Castiglione, a Courtier(or court retainer) of the late 15th through the early 16th centuries: "... the Courtier must take great care to make a good impression from the start, and consider how damaging and fatal a thing it is to do otherwise."1.

It must be remembered that such words as TYRANT and CAVALIER began with positive meanings that became negative due to the misdeeds of some of those who bore such titles. The word CAVALIER came from CHIVALIER (the French word for KNIGHT) from whence the word CHIVALRY sprouted. Therefore, to be CAVALIER in its proper light is to be Chivalrous; to be kind, gracious, of noble bearing, word and deed.

As far as research goes, the first portion of any time spent on persona research should probably be spent in the study of one's nation and time period of interest, at first generally and then more specifically. In this study, look at the different attitudes within the various social classes. Explore the period's events and imagine how this would have affected you if you were alive in that era instead of this one. After obtaining an idea of the lives and times of those who lived in the nation and time period of your interest, you may then wish to turn to works written in period about such topics as gentlemanly conduct, combat philosophy, etc..

Finally comes APPLICATION. Take all that you know and, leaving room for that wealth of knowledge you have yet to aquire, apply it in combination with your own personal sytle to your persona. Be creative. Have fun with it and be ready for the changes that come about through education and/or personal motivation. Remember also that one's persona is not the matter of a one-time decision, but rather that process of growth that takes years if done correctly. Have fun!

1. The Book of the Courtier, pg. 133.

In Service to the Barony,

Robert Stewart

Greetings from the Captain of Archers and Warden,

The shooting season is well under way with 4-7 archers practicing on Thursdays. We've been rained out and blown out by the wind a few times, but we are shooting IKAC and Royal Rounds for scores.

Yanthlos the Quiet, from the Shire of Windkeep, bested the field at Brigand's Bizarre in the Royal Archer competition. A concurrent match at Grand Outlandish allowed Outlands archers geographical opportunity to compete in this quest for excellence. I believe the weather was equally trying during both matches, but some find scores were achieved regardless.

On July 22, at Unser Hafen Defender, there will be a tournament held to select a new Warden for the next year. The tournament is open to all archers, but to compete for Warden, you must reside within the Barony. There will be prizes for the overall winner, the best portrayal of a medieval archery persona, and for chivalry. The tourney is scheduled for Saturday morning...so please plan ahead and don't miss it.

I am actively seeking a deputy this season to train as my replacement in this office. The skills needed are both organizational and technical, but you do not need to have great shooting skill. Understanding and enforcing the rules of Outlands archery and being a role model in conduct on the range are the main requirements. These are easily learned. Your SCA membership must also be current. Please let me know if you are interested or have questions about the office.

In service,

Rosalind

Greetings to the Barony from the Chronicler

I trust this issue finds all in good spirits in preparation of Defender. I will be continuing my series on the History of the English Language this fall. I need to do more research on Middle English before I can continue. In that vain, please take note of the last Help Add. It is in regards to the Northern Outlands Newsletter, The Chinook. They desire creative submissions and items of interest to the populace of the Northern Outlands. If you have any poetry, artwork, stories, etc., submit them and share with the rest of the area.

Also, I am still looking for calligraphy to use in The Tosspot. If anyone in the Barony or the surrounding area have any forms of calligraphy that you feel would be useful to add color to The Tosspot, please send me an example.

As of next month, I have no creative works (well, I do have plenty of cover art) to print in The Tosspot. Poetry, artwork, stories, cartoons, etc., would all be acceptable. It needs to be SCA related and in mostly good taste. If you have seen the works of Undwyn, Endymion, and others that have appeared in The Tosspot you may have an idea of the wide range that is included. Not to mention the fact that if your submission is printed, you get that issue free. Keep that in mind.

I am planning on redesigning the Tosspot cover for the October issue. If you have any suggestions, let me know.

In service to The Barony and Their Excellencies,

Robin Spenser

equestrian practice at the csu equine center

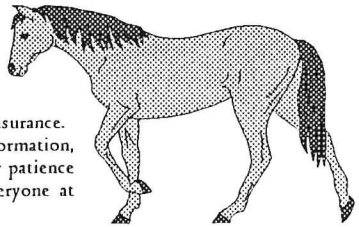
Wednesday July 5 - Adams/Atkinson Arena, 5:30PM - 9:30PM
Wednesday July 19 - Main Arena at the Equine Center, 5:30PM - 9:30PM
Wednesday August 2 - Adams/Atkinson Arena, 5:30- 9:30PM
Wednesday August 16 - Main Arena at the Equine Center, 5:30PM - 9:30PM
Wednesday September 6 - Adams/Atkinson Arena, 5:30PM - 9:30PM
Wednesday September 20 - Main Arena at the Equine Center, 7:30PM - 10:30PM
Wednesday October 4 - Adams/Atkinson Arena, 5:30PM - 9:30PM
Wednesday October 18 - Main Arena at the Equine Center, 7:30PM - 10:30PM
Wednesday November 1 - Adams/Atkinson Arena, 5:30PM - 9:30PM
Wednesday November 22 - Main Arena at the Equine Center, 5:30PM - 9:30PM
Wednesday December 6 - Adams/Atkinson Arena, 5:30PM - 9:30PM
Wednesday December 20 - Main Arena at the Equine Center, 5:30PM - 9:30PM

Greetings unto the populace of Unser Hafen! Finally we have stable plans for the Equestrian Guild to meet for practices!

The practice in the Main Arena, for those of us that have horses, will be meeting for gaming practice. Those that are interested in coming to this practice are very welcome as we could use help with a ground crew.

At the practice in the Adams/Atkinson Arena everyone is welcome to attend and have an opportunity to ride and be around the horses.

NOTICE!!! due to insurance regulations, all attendees at practices must be memebers.



The Equine Center is on Overland Trail near the corner of Elizabeth. To attend these practices, health insurance and a signed waiver is required as is SCA membership. Waivers will be available at practices so please bring your proof of health insurance. Garb is optional but not recommended. If you need more information, please contact Damiana at 498-0798. Thank you all for your patience and support on this endeavor! I look forward to seeing everyone at Equestrian Practice!

Damiana

Baronial Arts & Sciences Competition

November 4, 1995

Attend all ye Artisans, yearning to show your skill in an Arts and Sciences Competition! The Barony of Unser Hafen will hold a Baronial Arts and Sciences Competition on the fourth of November. Artisans and Craftsmen from all locales are encouraged to create works of beauty for this event and to compete for prizes, provided by the artisans of Unser Hafen. More details will follow.

Autocrat
Mark de Saint-Sauver-Le-Viconte
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5101 Redbud Ct
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The Deputy Officers of Unser Hafen
in service to the Incipient Canton formerly known as
Dun Bolacht but, is currently (unless otherwise notified)
being referred to as.....

Bo Fharrach

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1995

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Failte ui Cgealleigh to the barony from its fount of bovine bardic wisdom. Since our talented Chronicler is bringing you news of the herd's current activities, it has been decided that the Seneschal's report would pertain to our glorious past. We would not have you believe, gentle readers, that we of BoFharrach (no, we're not clearing our throats, that's how they want us to spell it) have been slack in researching the roots of our beloved canton. The BoFharrach Institute if Really Old Stuff (my children want to make me the first exhibit...) brings you another installment of our tireless investigation of history.

This month's report delves into the very heart of our Society, for it brings to light the origens of tourneys, squires, and court ceremony. The tourney, in its earliest form, is said to have originated in eleventh century France. Several chroniclers credit Baron Geoffrey de Preully. Beyond these spare facts little is known.

The origin of tourneys can be deduced from an examination of the word "tourney". Dictionaries are of little help in this because "tuorney" is a French word and nobady can actually spell French. It stands to reason, however, that "tourney" derives from the words "turn" and "neigh" (the sound a horse makes when it is signalling for right-of-way). In short, "tourney" is an archaic Frencg term for traffic accident. This is easily proven, because (as we all know), the french still drive this way. The second level of documentation comes from someone close to the Equestrian Guild who always complains how difficult it is to make a left turn in the middle of a cavalry charge.

Baron de Preully had to find a way to adjudicate these unfortunate incidents. "Dent" is the appropriate word here because body and fender work was very expensive. The Earl of Scheib (I'll paint any armor any color...) had reasonable rates but the franchise was very limited back then. All the protagonists were of the nobility and demanded their right to trial by combat, but it would not do to have these messy disputes aired publicly. Of course, they also had to be settled in a manner suited to the gentility of chivalry.

The baron came up with a secluded site, tended to park-like perfection by underpaid minions, where plaintiffs and defendents (isn't how often the word "dent" comes up?) could beat each other senseless like civilized gentlemen. To even the odds, several combat venues, called "holes", were designed into the course. the opponents would fight each other at several of the holes. Someone had to haul equipment from hole to hole and offer helpful hints ("Sir, this is a seven stoke duel, I suggest you use your number two longsword..."). The office of squire was invented to fulfill this purpose. After the rigors of combat knights and squires would retire to the clubhouse (because clubs were stored there). The knights would record the results of the day at court, and then join the squires who were already hard at work on the wine cellar.

Baron de Preully's innovation was received with tremendous enthusiasm. Knights began to demand access to his court for recreational purposes. Courses sprang up all over Europe and like all innovations the tourney took on a life of its own. Changes began happening almost immediately. Tourneys not involving actual traffic accidents spent a lot less time a court. Some knights skipped court entirely to stay even with the squires at the post comabt libations. Courses began to hire professional advisors to offer help with technique ("ys keep yershield arm high like so, and yer sword arm extended..."). Tourneys began to attract spectators who (being of gentle birth) murmured polite comments at each hole ("oh, good shot, old bean"). Royalty, not wanting to be left out, insisted on having a court after each tourney to award prizes, hobnob with other royalty, and generally bask in the glory of the event. Last, but not least, as tourneys evolved, te term "defendent" and it's reference to body and fender work gradually merged into the term "defender". Do we have one of those?

So there you have it, good gentles. The "true" origin of tourneys, squires, court ceremony and the defender title. Remember, you heard it here first. Fare you well until our next missive.

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TIMON PHOCAS

Greetings to all smalls, middles and almost larges of Unser Hafen and BoFharrach. We invite you to join us in BoFharrach for an evening of games, boffer tourneys, dancing, desserts, and just plain fun. We will be meeting at Glenmere park in Greeley on August 29. There will be many fun games and a delicious cookie feast afterward. There will be planty of supervision, so so bring your parents. the event will begin at 6:30 pm and will last until around 8:30 pm. Come join us!

ARIEL
(970) 352-3265

This is the report from Bo Fharrach's Minister of Arts and Sciences. This month's gentle arts night was held at Master Garwed's home in Greeley. We learned more about the fine art of making a period receipe. Next month's meeting will see each person who attended this meeting, trying to make an edible copy of the receipe that we obtained from Master Garwed. We are also challenged to see if we can come up with any documentation. These lessons have been attended by about 13 to 15 members of Bo Fharrach's herd. We are looking forward to the next series of gentle arts nights that will commence in August. Look in the Tosspot for further details as they occur.

In service to Unser Hafen, Bo Fharrach and the Great Kingdom of the Outlands, I remain,

AMICE DE FAYEL

July 1995 Missive of Bo Fharrach's Chronicler

Greetings from the Udder Cow Herds!

The rains have somewhat abated here in the "Land of the Cows" and we look forward to being able to pull our cattle out of the bogs and return to Glenmere Park and our gatherings. I would like to reiterate all weekly activities are subject to change so please call to verify. All gatherings from 6pm to 9pm.....

BO FHARRACH'S SCHEDULE

FIRST TUESDAY - Baronial Potluck - bring a large potluck dish and feast gear! Other questions refer to Baronage of Unser Hafen.

SECOND TUESDAY - Fighter Practice - fencing and heavy weapons, contact M'lord Wayland 970-395-0633.

THIRD TUESDAY - Arts and Sciences/Populace Gathering - different subjects each month, contact Lady Arnice 970-352-3265.

FOURTH TUESDAY - Fighter Practice - fencing and heavy weapons, contact M'lord Wayland 970-395-0633.

FIFTH TUESDAY - The "Blue Moo" Tuesday - dedicated to activities and events that feature our youth. Fun and games for all ages! Contact Lord Timon 970-352-3265.

Arts and Sciences/Populace Gatherings and the Blue Moo Gatherings will be held at sites chosen by our illustrious Seneschal and Grand Nag-us (is that spelled right Lord Timon?) These last two A&S Gatherings have been hosted by Master Garwed who has been enlightening us about some marvelous period cooking.

Our quaint little gathering of "Cattle Herders" had a rare treat this last month. As mentioned before, the First Tuesday of each month the Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen host our monthly Baronial Potluck. Baronial Potluck festivities are always at the whim of Their Excellencies and in June we were sent "A QUESTING" to locate our Good Baron's Daggers and Swords that were carelessly lost by some knaves of obvious low birth. We were all valiant and did recover that which was lost. The quest was designed by our own Valorous Baron, Praefectus Titus, and the stations of inquisition were gloriously personified by many good gentles from Unser Hafen and Windkeep. We all had a marvelous time and look forward to doing it again sometime (after we have recovered from the rigors of this last quest!). Please remember, all who wish to attend our Baronial Potluck gatherings are welcome! See the BO FHARRACH SCHEDULE for details. Please remember your feast gear, your garb, and perhaps a chair. We meet at the East end of Glenmere Park or if foul weather ensues at the covered pavilion in the center of Glenmere Park by the lake.

May and June were both "interesting" weather months. Those of us who attended either Brigands or Grand Outlandish would not argue the point. Both events had their share of rain and wind and yet most managed to have a wonderful time. I brought three period pavilions to my home after the event and set them up in the back yard to wash off the mud and dry them. We set them up in the rain and it took 5 days to have a sunny enough day to put them away.

Needless to say, because of the unpredictability of the weather we have not been out to gather litter at our section of the "Bo Fharrach Highway". To finish our task we may call on our populace without warning to assist with the clean up, due to the fact that planning ahead has not worked (we need to sneak up on the site without notifying the weather spirits, I think they are angered with Allergicus about some small matter involving a wager and some sheep - and we bear that burden....)

Also, in the news.... Those wishing to learn Irish Gaelic and Irish Gaelic songs in particular are to contact me, Lady Lughbec at (970) 353-6782. The Bo Fharrach Corral (no, not Chorale), is gathering a list of those wishing to participate in classes teaching phoenetics of Irish Gaelic singing. Yes, you too can learn words spelled like "Dheanfaidh" and pronounced "Yandy"! We are also seeking all information you wish to share on the Ancient Irish culture.

Unser Hafen's "Festival of Horses" was well attended by many folks of Bo Fharrach. There was a great deal of fun had by both the participants and the gallery. "Pig Sticking" was Lord Conchobhar's favorite (I think it relates to some latent Ancestral Memories.....).

We announce the arrival of the "Bo Fharrach Page of Silliness". Hysterical research transcribed by our own Lord Timon Phocas and illuminated by M'lord Praxus of Bo Fharrach. Your response determines the fate of this article. Please share with us your views on this comedic section of the Tosspot!

Until we meet again..... May your Women be strong, your children good looking, and your cattle above average!

In Service to the Dream,

Lady Lughbec ni Eoin

help wanted

Look over the jobs to be done and contact me or the person indicated in the ad. THL Theresea, 482-6608 or 484-5749.

DEFENDER

HELP IS NEEDED FOR CHILDEREN'S ACTIVITIES, SET-UP, CLEAN-UP, AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES AT DEFENDER. CHECK OUT THE AD IN THIS ISSUE AND GIVE THE AUTOCRATS A CALL

Rides and Riders!

IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO DANCE CLASS OR CAN PROVIDE A RIDE,
CONTACT ME AT 482-6608 OR 484-5749
THL Theresea

WATERBEARERS!

WE NEED GENTLES TO ACT AS WATERBEARER FOR THE SUMMER EVENTS.
CONTACT, ELSBETH THE DARK 416-1122

SILK, LINEN, WOOL!

A NEEDLE WORK STORE IN GREELEY IS HANDLING SILK, LINEN AND WOOL EMBRODERY FLOSS, PLUS MANY OTHER NEAT THINGS. IF, YOU NEED ANY OF THESE ITEMS CONTACT:

WILD AND WOOLY
2308 17TH STREET
GREELEY.
(303) 356-0335

THE SHOP IS LOCATED IN THE COTTONWOOD SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER AT THE CORNER OF 16TH STREET AND 23HC AVENUE.

NORTHERN OUTLANDS NEWSLETTER

Yes, the Northern Outlands has a Newsletter. It is the Chinook. It cost $6.00 for 6 issues for a year. Subscriptions can be sent to Paul R. Cole, 4944 W. 46th Ave., Denver, CO 80212-2510. He is also looking for articles of general interest and art work. See me if you'd like to see a copy.

The Order of the Golden Ring THL Theresea die Tanzerin, co-premier of the Order

Lord Francis Owen Roderick Keith and I are the Premieres of the Order of the Golden Ring. We were inducted into the Order at the Investiture of the Barony of Unser Hafen in October 1990.

The Order was proposed when we were applying for elevation from Shire to Barony. A Barony can present awards, but they need to be Chartered and approved by the Crown and Herald's Office. Membership in the Order of the Golden Ring is awarded to individuals who have shown a consistent will to serve the Barony. The Award is a large "Thank You" from the Barony and the other members of the Order, followed by a "don't stop what you're doing, we need you". Most of the current members of the Order were together several months ago and were discussing what the Order means to each of us. We agreed that the Award is for service, often behind the scenes, for work that needs to be done, whether anyone will notice or not. It is giving of yourself to a large section of the Barony. The current member of the Order have a voice in who will be selected for membership, although the Baron and Baroness make the final decisions.

The name for the Order comes from the illusion of reaching for the Gold Ring on a Carousel, with the understanding that it takes extra effort to actually grab the ring.

Members of the Order of the Golden Ring. (In the order of Award)

Theresea die Tanzerin and Francis Owen Roderick Keith	October 6, 1990
Anastazia Winogradzka	January 26, 1991
Fionnghuala Bethoc of Lindisfarne	June 8, 1991
Grigorei Nickoavic Belken	March 14, 1992
Rashiqua bint Azhar	March 13, 1993
Gunther the Wanderer	October 9, 1993
Rosalind of Wellmark and Thorfin Greybeard	November 13, 1993
Ceindrych Fayrebourne of Ayr	January 29, 1994
Minimoto no Akira	October 8, 1994
Robert (Robin) Spencer of Bristol	November 22, 1994
Tuman Ellyozof	January 7, 1995
Tamlene ap Guidgen	March 11, 1995
Luchbec ni Eoin & Conchobhar O'Loingseachain	April 22, 1995

The Keepers of the Portcullis

The following article is taken from the April 1993 Tosspot at Her Excellency's request

Greetings to the populace from the Keepers of the Portcullis. Our order recently had a meeting, and we realized that many gentles have joined our fair Barony in recent times who may not be familiar with our order, what it means, who is a member and why. Since I was involved in the order from its inception, I, Llamrei, volunteered to write a brief missive to acquaint (or re-acquaint) the populace with the Companions of the Keepers of the Portcullis.

About three years ago, the shire of Unser Hafen decided they were ready to petition the Crown to become a Barony. Among the many preparations, the populace decided that we wanted to have various Baronial awards to recognize excellence in different areas. What we decided upon were these: the Companions of the Golden Ring, to recognize exceptional service to the group; the Companions of the

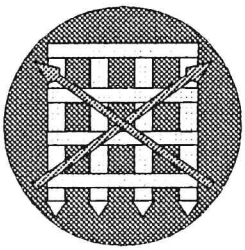
Builders of the Portcullis, to recognize excellence in all of the arts and sciences, including target archery; the Companions of the Golden Columbine, to recognize excellence in the play of persona and living the Dream of the Society; and the Companions of the Keepers of the Portcullis, to recognize excellence in combat, including heavy weapons, marshalling, combat archery and fencing. We devised and submitted badges for the orders and wrote upcharters for them in the Baronial Traditions.

The rest is, as they say, history. The shire became the Barony. Sir Kevin and Mistress Ismenia became Baron and Baroness, and they chose the premiers, or first members, for all four of the orders. Lord Galen and I were chosen as the premiers of the Keepers of the Portcullis. I was just stepping down after two and a half years as local knight marshal, to take the Kingdom Earl Marshal post. Lord Galen had been my faithful and excellent deputy, and was just stepping into the knight marshal job. We had been very active in training new fighters during an incrediblespurt of growth.

The people who conceived the Keepers of the Portcullis envisioned it as a recognition not only of personal excellence in combat but also of willingness to share those skills through teaching and marshalling, leadership both on the field and off, and good character and well roundedness. This was not to be an award for stick jocks; it was to recognize exceptional chivalry on the field and off, participation and expertise in non combat activities as well as fighting. In the years that followed, others joined our ranks: Sir Titus, Lord Gerald (who was then primarily a fencer!), Lord Gunther and Lord Tracker. As with all of the orders, Sir Kevin is an honorary member as well. New members are chosen by the Baron upon consultation with the members of the order. Anyone can recommend anyone else for the honor, as with any other award in the SCA, remembering that you must be a member of the Society to receive any award.

The Keepers of the Portcullis have decided that our work should not end with our recognition by the order; that, in fact, such recognition should only urge us to greater service. We have decided to work together to promote excellence in fighting in the Barony. To that end, we have decided to sponsor 1/2 hour training sessions at every fighter practice. Members of the order will run drills and specific classes; whoever wishes may attend. We will also sponsor tourneys and fighting events throughout the year. The first will be the Running of the Gauntlet at the Norman Wedding in April. This will be a timed event in which participating fighters must fight each member of the order with a different weapons style. See the event announcement for details. We have also pledged our aid to Lord Aedhan's marshal instruction project.

The Keepers of the Portcullis would like to serve the Barony in every way we can. If any member of the populace has an idea for how we can help, please come talk to us. All of us are available to help with instruction in the arts of war; each of us has our own areas of expertise and we are eager to share. We are all active members of the marshallate. I hope that now that we are known to the populace, we can serve the Barony better in peace and war.



Again, please note, this article appeares here unedited from it's original publication. It is two years old.

Blacksmithing Guild

The Blacksmithing Guild is having regular open smithing once each month. This month we will be meeting on Saturday, July 15, at Thorfinn and Rosalind's. Please inquire if directions are needed.

Perry and Jo Wells
Thorfinn and Rosalind
3401 El Camanito
Loveland

Meetings will begin at 9:30 and end when we are tired. Instruction is available. Bring safety goggles, gloves, and old clothes (mundane work clothes recommended unless you have suitable garb).

No level of skill is needed, just some enthusiasm!

Please call if you would also like to smith at another time.

Tamlene ap Guidgen, Guildmaster	663-1513
Thorfinn Greybeard	667-1284
Master Garwed Cadburiensis	353-8456

university of caerthe

This month Sir Titus will talk about something different than the great battles and high-ranking personalities that seem to dominate Roman history. He will turn our attention to the day-to-day activities of Roman soldiers -- the training that made the Roman army one of the best fighting machines in the ancient world, the engineering skills that have left monuments to their efforts around the Mediterranean, and (ordinary, but important) their police functions. Did you know that for centuries the city of Rome had no official civil police force?

We will meet at 7:30 P.M. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, July 26, at the home of Amelia von Altburg -- 9901 East Evans Avenue, #28D, Denver. All are encouraged to attend. Period garb is optional, but appreciated. For further information, call THL Amelia, 750-0180, or Master Robin Vinehall, 444-5004. If you live in Unser Hafen, you can call Baron Titus, 490-2936.

Here are the details for a demo this August.

It will take place August 5 and 6. It will be at the Hover Mansion in Longmont. Directions will be available closer to the event. Booths for show will be available, booths for selling goods will cost money(I think $50). This is a Shakespeare Festival with the Longmont Theatre Company. Heavy and light fighting is welcome. Anyone can come and enjoy any of the shows at any time at no cost. Garb is encouraged. Refreshments will be available at the demo, but are not free. Can bring own food. The times for both days are 4pm to 10pm. Don't know about any after revels. Call Moryen at 482-3865 for more details. See you there. etc...

Moryen
(Russ Mills)
If you need more, call me at 482-3865.

Caerthe's Silver Anniversary

June 30 - July 3, 1995

One and all pray attend these words and mark them well! Be it known throughout the entire Outlands that an event unequaled and unprecedented is in the offing! Let the work go forth that on Friday, June 30 through Monday, July 3, 1995, the Grand and Glorious Barony of Caerthe, the oldest Barony in this Mighty and Fearsome kingdom of the Outlands, will be hosting its 25th Year celebration. This will be a camping event at the Meadows Campground, an hour south and west of Denver.

Let every good gentle consider themselves formally invited to this riotous extravaganza of fighting, fun, history and revelry, the likes of which has rarely been seen.. A Weekend of medieval ecstasy that truly must be experiences to be believed.

So mark you calendars NOW and keep your eyes on upcoming newsletters for further details as they develop. This is truly a once in a lifetime occurrence you are not going to want to miss.

The following is a list of some of the planned activities. Call now to volunteer!

Site Fee $10.00 (children under 12 free), 250th Person in the Gate - FREE
(Day Only - $5.00 non-Members add $3.00)

Tentative schedule of Events:

Site Opens Friday, June 30 - 2:00 PM - Friday evening - Informal Bardic

Saturday - July 1st Morning Court

During the Day: 3 Rapier Tourneys! 3 Rattan Tourneys! 3 Archery Shoots!
Classes: Various classes of topics for the inquiring medieval mind!
A&S Displays: includes items from past A&S champions, garb worn to 1st event, Baronial regalia, a photo contest, Children's A&S, many items of History will be displayed, also a Time Capsule to be opened at 50th Year! Along with a Quest Trivia Game!
During the evening: A Fabulous Feast & Fashion Show (wear the garb you wore to your first event!) Followed by a skit and a Caerthen/SCA history Theme Bardic

Sunday - July 2nd Morning Court

During the Day: Rattan and Rapier Melees! Another Archery Shoot! Warlord, Premier Blade & Archery Warden contenders compete! Also classes, A&S displays, competitions, pictures & more!
During the evening: Court - Warlord/premier Blade/Archery Warden/ etc. chosen followed by a communal Picnic and then Dancing!

Monday - July 3rd SITE CLOSES AT NOON

So stand ready! Caerthe's 25th Year approaches!

For more details contact: Countess Tess of the Crossings, Baroness of Caerthe
c/o Theresa French (303) 488-9720, 1903 Van Buren Way, #401, Aurora, CO 80011

Unser Hafen Defender V

JULY 22-23, 1995
CROW VALLEY CAMPGROUND, BRIGSDALE, CO
EAST MEETS WEST!

The Barony of Unser Hafen will hold it's 5th Defender Tournament on the Weekend of July 22, 1995. Our Defender, Minamoto no Tetsuo Sama, wishes to promote good relationships between the East and the West and is scheduling entertainment and fighting for all. This event will select the next Defender, Protector and Warden for the Barony and provide plenty of fighting, fencing and archery. There will also be A&S competitions in Brewing, Period types of Footwear (from scratch items and adaption to modern shoes), and ILLUMINATION to theme (call autocrats for your assignment if you would like to participate).

The Archery will take place Saturday morning and will include IKAC and other shooting. The Protector Tourney will run Sunday morning; however, there will be fencing on Saturday also. The Defender will be selected based on Tournaments and Melees on both days and the Title will go to the Unser Hafen resident with the highest standing. Prizes will be given to the winners of the separate Tourneys.

Classes will include but may not be limited to:
1. The Beginning Bard (Baroness Branwynn Ottersby)
2. Life after T tunics (Lady Lughbec ni Eoin)
3. Introduction to the World of Documentation (Mistress Rashiqah bint Azhar)
4. Surviving a Summer Event (THL Theresea)
5. Scottish/Irish Dancing (Lord Akira & M'lady Aildheinna)

The site will be on the Pawnee Grasslands at the Crow Valley Campground near BRIGSDALE, Colorado. This is a wet site with potable water, permanent privies, and a LOT of sun and probably BUGS. To reach the site travel Hwy I-25 to exit 269 (CO Hwy 14) and travel east about 50 miles to Brigsdale, the Campground is north of the town. The site will open at noon Friday, July 21, 1995. All Friday night campers must pay an additional $1.50 at the troll booth. The site fee will be $5 for members $8 for non-members. Seven to Thirteen year old children get site and feast for half price.

This year we are adding a twist, the theme "East meets West" in almost all activities including the feast, heavy and light weapons fighting, competitions, and entertainment. There will be a Ceilidh (Celtic party) until the noise curfew at 10:00. Feel free to bring your Celtic bard material and compete for prizes! After the Ceilidh we'll switch to Sumo-wrestling in which those of all sizes and genders can compete in relative safety.

The Feast will be limited to 75 people, so get your reservations in soon, the fee is $7.00 in advance, $10.00 at the site. (There are no restaurants near the site.) The Feast will include Egg Rolls from the Orient, Lamb Stew from the Middle East, German Sausage and Kraut, Irish Corned Beef and Cabbage, Almond Sunset Chicken and other delights as our Feastocrat fancies. Lady Amice de Fayel will prepare the feast with help from the Household of the Irish Mad Woman.

This year there will be a plethora of children' activities other than boffer, so please do not hesitate to bring your smalls. On Saturday afternoon there will be a smalls' potluck snack feast. Bring your parent/s and a snack food for at least 5 others.

We'll be hav'in a mighty fun time! So attend, enjoy good food, song, and reveling, in the fashion traditional to the north. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. For feast reservations call THL Theresea die Tanzerin (Terry Foppe) at (970) 484-5749 during the day or at (970) 482-6608 during the evening or mail to 622 Whedbee, Ft. Collins Co 80524.

Autocrats
Minamoto no Tetsuo-sama
(Robert Foppe)
Elsbeth ni Ailpeine (the dark)
(Jennifer Cullor)
624 1/2 Peterson St.
Ft. Collins, Co 80524
(970) 416-1122

Feastocrat
Lady Amice de Fayel
(Patty Chapman)
1920 2nd Street
Greeley, CO 80631
(970) 352-3265

Three Hawk's Champions Tournament

August 11-13

In the deeply wooded forest where the hawks fly freely there will be an event so grand you will not want to miss it. All good gentles come out of the hot summer sun into the cool green forest and join the Canton of Hawk's Hollow on August 11-13 for the 9th annual Three Hawk's Champions Tournament.

Site - Located in the Black Forest near Monument, CO will open at 2PM Friday and will close at 6PM Sunday. The site fee is $4 per person and children under age 5 are free, there is a $3 surcharge for non-members. Make sure to bring proof of SCA membership to the troll-booth or the surcharge will apply. There are plenty of trees, NO water (bring your own), two fire pits, firewood, pets must be leashed, each camp must have a fire extinguisher and the site is wet.

Directions - Take your best route to I-25, then take exit 161 (Monument), then take highway 105 East approximately 2½ miles to site. Please see map.

Events - On Saturday will include: fighting, fencing, archery and bardic competitions for individuals and teams. The teams are drawn at random. The team competition will determine the Three Hawks Champions and will help resolve a conflict between the Barony of Caerthe and the Canton of Hawk's Hollow. The teams consist of one fighter, one fencer and one archer with one or a combination of the team members participating in the bardic. Also, there will be children's games/arts & crafts, adult scavenger hunt, a "big" auction (lots of great stuff) and a feast. On Sunday there well be a children's archery tournament, fighting and fencing in the woods and an archery shoot.

Feast - will take place Saturday evening and will include: bread, herbed butter, cheese, vegetable stew, sausages boiled in beer, grilled chicken, grilled vegetables, quiches, macrows, fruit and Ukranian spice cake. This wonderful feast is being prepared by the Caerthean cooks guild and will be limited to 100 gentles. The price is $4 for adults/$2 for children age 13 and under. The deadline for reservations is August 1, so don't wait send them in now! Send your checks to the fee coordinator made payable to SCA - Hawk's Hollow.

The members of the Canton of Hawk's Hollow hope to see you there!

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Unser Hafen Grand Tournament

August 19-20, 1995

On August 19, Unser Hafen will host its annual Grand Tournament at the Fort Collins New West Fest Celebration. This will be held at the Fort Collins Library Part at 201 Peterson. The Grand Tournament is a demo in which we will present tournament heavy weapons and fencing, dancing, arts and crafts, and the general ambiance of the SCA. We will be holding three heavy lists.

The first will be a prize tourney and a one dollar entry fee will be asked to compensate for the prize. The second will be the infamous and ever popular 3 man melee ransom tournament. The third will be hosted by the Baron and Baroness. All fencers and fencing households are welcome. We will have a populace choice A&S competition so bring what you can even if you only display. There will be dancing and bardic arts running in between the fighting and fencing so come prepared to have fun and show people what the SCA is all about. We will have food and drink available at cost for lunch. Setup is 9:00 to 10:00 AM and the sooner you arrive the better your chances for parking. The event ends at 5 PM.

Fees: I am asking all competitors to donate a dollar to help defray the costs of prizes.

On Sunday we will be holding our fighter practice at the demo site from noon to 4 PM.

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Estes Park-Highland Games

September 9th and 10th 1995

Greetings to all Gentles,

The 1995 Highland Games will take place September 9th and 10th in Estes Park, Colorado. We welcome all to come enjoy the tourneys, dancing, demonstrations, and Arts and Sciences displays. Numerous foreign traders will be at the fair, as well as those selling fine food and drink. So bring the best of your S.C.A. to display to the public, and remember a little extra coin for the traders.

The tentative schedule for Saturday:

8:00- Fair Grounds open to participants
8:45- Parade marchers meet at livestock gates
9:00- Finish site set up/Parade marchers at starting point
9:30- Parade starts
10:45- Parade ends (for us)
11:00- Final Preparations/ A&S demos, dancing, donation lunch
Grounds open to public
12:00- Opening ceremonies (everything stops)
12:30- Fighting starts/ Various demos and dancing
16:30- Closing ceremonies/ Clean up starts
17:00- Grounds close

Sunday's schedule is the same as Saturday's except that there will be no parade. We must be off the Fair grounds by 18:00 Sunday.

We would like to have a large and colorful display for this year's parade. If interested in marching, please meet at the livestock gates at 8:45am. We will then caravan to the starting point. Please remember that this is a Scottish festival, so please try to keep with the theme by wearing western European garb, at least for the parade. Banners are highly desirable. If you have a van or large vehicle and can transport people to the parade starting point, please contact the autocrat.

Those of you who are planning to spend the night in Estes Park should reserve accommodations quickly. Most hotels will be fully reserved, but there may be a chance. If you prefer camping, there are numerous campgrounds in the area, but try to make reservations for these as well. Period pavilions only will be allowed to set up and camp on the fair grounds, but it will be a cold site - no fires, stoves, etc. allowed. Since there is limited space, please call the autocrat if you wish to camp on site.

We need various A&S items for public display. No documentation will be needed, but some information on a 3X5 note card would be helpful. The items on display will be guarded and returned safely to you after the event.

The site is a discreetly damp site. Only period containers are allowed. No dogs will be allowed on site either, so please leave them at home. Parking will be regulated by the Estes Park Committee, so you park where they tell you. You may have a fair walk ahead of you, so the sooner you get there, the shorter the walk. Parking vouchers will be given on a first come first serve basis with priority going to on site campers.

Please bring a variety of clothing and gear so you will be prepared for all sorts of weather. We all know how turbulent Colorado weather is, so please remember to come prepared for whatever mother nature decides to hand us..

Those of you needing to unload any large items, you are <u>not</u> allowed to drive into the fair grounds after 9:00am, so please plan ahead. After 9:00am, you will have to carry the items in.

Parking will be allowed around the fair grounds and next to Lake Estes. From there, please go to the livestock entry gates. Do not go to the main gate first. If you buy a ticket there, we cannot reimburse you. We will have a manned table set up at the livestock gates. We currently have about 30 tickets, so please contact me if you are interested in attending.

We will need people to help manning the livestock gate table, people to help guard the display table and hand out information. And we need good fighters (heavy and light) for the tourneys, and good dancers for the public to watch. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I can be reached at my present number until August 1st, after then, please call Galiana for my new number of and information.

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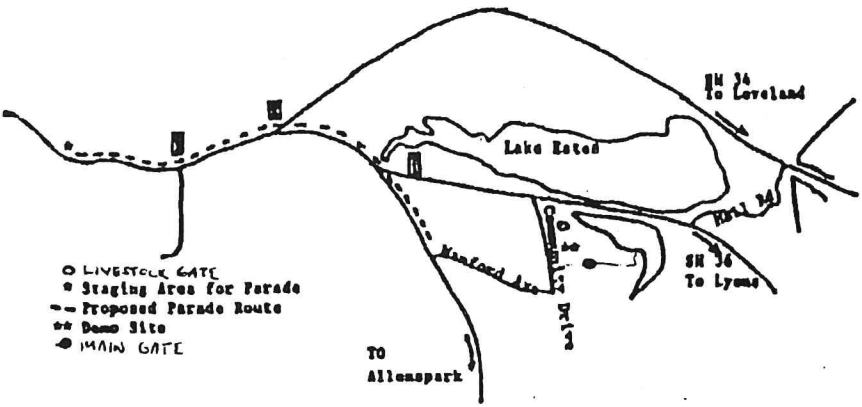


Mortar and Stone

by Pendar the Bard

Go to the front lines of battle we're ordered;
The first to face glory or death in the fray.
Our King blocks the risk to his relm from invaders
With our golden portculis to stand in their way.

Chorus:
So let foemen be wary who see us before them.
They'd waste far less strength breaching mortar and stone.
For when bold Unser Hafen stands close at the ready
The courage that binds us cannot be torn down.

Of mortar and stone are the walls of a castle
Yet even the strongest may fall to a blow.
But a portcullis shields us with bars if cold iron
And its teeth fall like spears crushing all those below.

Chorus

When battle is over we stand with our brothers;
We honor their praises though each of us knows
That thought it was kingdom that called us to battle
We fight for our house, it's from there our strength flows.

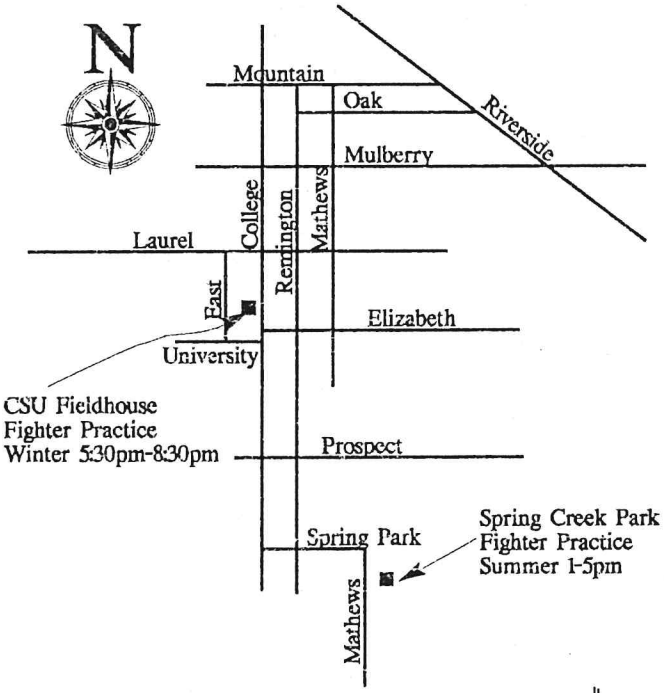
Chorus

Unser Hafen Regular Events

Fighter Practice is now outside for the summer. Call Caradoc at 416-0474 for more information. Summer times are 1PM - 5PM most Sundays at Spring Creek Park. See map below for directions.

Dance Practice HAS MOVED!!!!! It will now be in the Mountain Range Shadows subdivision right off of I-25 between the Windsor Exit and the Airport Exit. See map below for further directions.

Archery Practice is now 5 - 7 PM on Thursdays at Tamlene and Drahomira's. If the weather looks questionable call Rosalind. Call her if you need directions as well.



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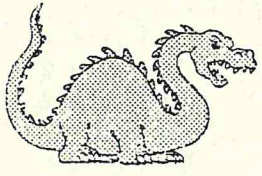

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Famous Quotes

Caradoc - "Mister Defender, Sir, you aren't supposed to whack the Baron with a pole."